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Title: REAMER SPINDLE FOR MINIMALLY INVASIVE JOINT SURGERY	§	
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Applicant: LECHOT, Andre	§	GA No.: 3775
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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

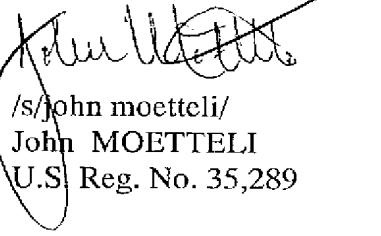
Applicant thanks the Examiner for his Final Action dated December 8th, 2008, and in response thereto, requests that the amendments beginning on page 3 be entered and the remarks beginning on page 8 be considered.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of this application by amending claims, and by pointing out herein with particularity how the claims now presented are patentably distinct from the prior art of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered by this amendment. Any limitations to the claims are made solely for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of the application

and, unless otherwise expressly stated, are not made to narrow, vis-à-vis the prior art, the scope of protection which any subsequently issuing patent might afford. Again, if the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4171-230-1000, fax at 011-4171-230-1001 (Switzerland is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Std Time), or e-mail at moetteli@patentinfo.net.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 for a period of 0 month and the Undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required in this application to the deposit account of MOETTELI & ASSOCIES SARL, no. 50-2621.

Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosure:

Request for Continued Examination
Replacement Drawing Sheets